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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

*On page 4, please replace the first full paragraph, lines 5-13, with the following amended paragraph:*

According to the preferable embodiment of the present invention, a folding line is provided between two bonding tapes on the base film, and the folding line is parallel to the reference face of the reference band. With this embodiment, it becomes possible to connect the upper surfaces of the first and second carrier tapes with a second bonding tape by folding the base film along the folding line under a condition where the bottom surfaces of the first and second carrier tapes are connected with a first bonding tape. Namely, it becomes possible to firmly connect the first and second carrier tapes with two bonding ~~taped~~ tapes adhering on the upper and lower surfaces thereof.

*On page 5, please replace the first full paragraph, lines 1-4, with the following amended paragraph:*

According to the preferably embodiment of the present invention, the ~~cover~~ cover film overhangs from an opposite side of the base film far from the reference band. This allows the worker to pick the protruding edge of the cover film so that the cover film can be easily peeled off the base film.

*On page 14, please replace the second full paragraph, lines 20-31, with the following amended paragraph:*

Figs. 4A and 4B shows the cut edges of the first and second carrier tapes 1 and 2. The cut shape of the trailing and leading edges of first and second carrier tapes 1 and 2 is identical with the wavy shape of the cutting tool 9. As described above, each position of the first and second carrier tapes 1 and 2 is accurately regulated by the positioning pins

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13. Furthermore, the cutting direction is fixed with respect to each of the first and second carrier tapes 1 and 2. Thus, as shown in Fig. 4A, the trailing edge of first carrier tape 1 and the leading edge of second carrier tape 2 have the same cut shape. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 4B, the first carrier tape 1 completely match with the second carrier tape 2 when assembled along the cut edges thereof. In other words, no dislocation is present between the first and second carrier tapes 1 and ~~3~~2 in a direction normal to their longitudinal directions.

*On page 22, please replace the first full paragraph, lines 8-13, with the following amended paragraph:*

In this manner, the cut shape of the top tape 7 is configured into a single convex or mount shape at the connecting portion of the first and second carrier tapes 1 and 2. this is effective to prevent the cut edge of top tape 7 from being ~~winkled~~ wrinkled or broken due to its thinness when the top tape 7 is made of a polyester having the thickness of 50 um to 80 um. The connection between first and second carrier tapes becomes stable.